Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A gas turbine plant comprises comprising:

a high-temperature gas-cooled reactor which warms a coolant by thermal energy being

obtained by nuclear fission of clad fission products in coated-particle fuels;

"n" shaft a number "n" of first gas turbines in series that are rotated by the coolant being

warmed by the high-temperature gas-cooled reactor and share same shafts with compressors

compressing the coolant;

a second gas turbine that is rotated by the coolant being discharged from the last of the

"n" first gas turbine turbines serving as a last stage after rotating each of the "n" shaft "n" first

gas turbines and shares a same shaft with a generator performing electrical power generation

operation; and

a number "n-1" pieces of bypass flow passages with bypass valves that have bypass each

of the "n-1"-shaft corresponding "n-1" first gas turbines bypassed to a position downstream of

the corresponding first gas turbine the coolant, respectively, excluding the first gas turbine in a

first stage being elose closest to the high-temperature gas-cooled reactor, among the "n"-shaft

"n" first gas turbines;

wherein, during start-up, by controlling a lift of the "n-1" pieces of bypass valves, each of

the "n" shaft "n" first gas turbines has rotating speed thereof increased up to a rated rotating

speed shaft by shaft sequentially, starting from the first gas turbine in a first stage.

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2. (Currently Amended): A gas turbine plant as described in Claim 1:

wherein, the bypass valve has at least one of the "n-1" bypass flow passages with bypass

valves bypasses the corresponding first gas turbine to a position downstream of the second gas

turbine bypassed.

3. (Currently Amended): A gas turbine plant comprises comprising:

a high-temperature gas-cooled reactor which warms a coolant by thermal energy being

obtained by nuclear fission of clad fission products in coated-particle fuels;

a high pressure gas turbine which is rotated by the coolant being warmed by the high-

temperature gas-cooled reactor and shares a same shaft with a high pressure compressor

compressing the coolant;

a low pressure gas turbine which is rotated by the coolant being discharged from the high

pressure gas turbine and shares a same shaft with a low pressure compressor compressing the

coolant;

a gas turbine for electrical power generation which is rotated by the coolant being

discharged from the low pressure gas turbine and shares a same shaft with a generator

performing an electrical power generation; and

a bypass flow passage with a bypass valve which has that bypasses the low pressure gas

turbine to a position downstream of the low pressure gas turbine bypassed to the coolant;

wherein, during start-up, first, a rotating speed of the high pressure compressor is

increased up to a rated rotating speed by adjusting a lift of the bypass valve after charging the

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coolant with the bypass valve fully closed, and then next, with the bypass valve fully closed, a

rotating speed of the low pressure compressor is increased up to a rated rotating speed.

4. (Currently Amended): A gas turbine plant as described in Claim 3:

wherein, the bypass valve has the bypass flow passage with the bypass valve bypasses the

low pressure gas turbine to a position downstream of the gas turbine for electrical power

generation bypassed.

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